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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UN
SUBJECT: CCD: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT - INFORMAL WESTERN
GROUP DRAFT OF FINAL DOCUMENT

1. AS OUTGROWTH OF DISCUSSION AMONG WORKING LEVEL
PARTICIPANTS FROM GENEVA IN MAY SSOD PREPCOM, AN INFORMAL
WORKING GROUP MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF WESTERN CCD DELEGATIONS
HAS BEGUN PUTTING TOGETHER A STRAWMAN FINAL DOCUMENT
CONSISTING OF A PREAMBLE, DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION. ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT AND RELATED
ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS BEING LEFT ASIDE FOR MOMENT.

2. AT MEETING CALLED ON SHORT NOTICE BY CANADIAN DEPUTY
REP ON MONDAY, JULY 25, GROUP PRODUCED A DRAFT DECLARATION

OF PRINCIPLES BASED UPON DRAFT ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY CANADIAN DEL.
(SEE BELOW). SOME DELEGATIONS (UK, NETHERLANDS,
JAPAN, ITALY) SEEMED TO BE SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM CAPITALS, AT LEAST FROM THEIR WORKING LEVEL COUNTERPARTS.
FRG AND ITALY (PART TIME) WERE REPRESENTED BY CCD AMBASSADORS,
REST BY DEPUTIES. US REP MADE CLEAR THAT HIS PARTICIPATION
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WAS PURELY ON INFORMAL BASIS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM
WASHINGTON.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOLLOWS:
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1) ARMS LIMITATIONS AND DISARMAMENT CAN MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBU-
TION TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND TO THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ADVANCE OF MANKIND;

2) THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL;

3) DISARMAMENT MEASURES OF A PARTIAL NATURE, INCLUDING THOSE ON A REGIONAL BASIS, SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRESS, STEP BY STEP, TOWARDS THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT;

4) ALL MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE BALANCED SO THAT AT NO STAGE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY TREATY COULD ANY STATE OR GROUP OF STATES GAIN MILITARY ADVANTAGE AND SO THAT SECURITY IS ENSURED EQUALLY FOR ALL. THE GOAL OF LIMITED MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT IS UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AT A LOWER LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY FORCES;

5) SINCE ALL NATIONS ARE CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND WITH THE ESSENTIAL PART TO BE PLAYED IN ITS ENHANCEMENT BY ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT MEASURES, THEY ALL HAVE VITAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS;

6) PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONS FOR MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS;
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7) SINCE VERIFICATION IS AN IMPORTANT CRITERION OF THE VIABILITY OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, ALL DISARMAMENT MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FROM BEGINNING TO END UNDER SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AS WOULD PROVIDE FIRM ASSURANCE THAT ALL PARTIES ARE HONOURING THEIR OBLIGATIONS;

8) VERIFICATION MUST BE APPROPRIATE AND ADEQUATE FOR EACH PARTICULAR AGREEMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RISKS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM NON-COMPLIANCE WITH A SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT MEASURE;

9) PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT FIELD WOULD BE STIMULATED IF A MORE FORTHCOMING AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS VERIFICATION WERE ADOPTED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

10) EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS ESSENTIAL SINCE THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WARFARE REMAINS A GRAVE THREAT TO THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND; PARTIAL AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL, ALTHOUGH VITAL TO PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL, ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR IT;

11) EFFORTS TO CURB AND REVERSE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE MUST INCLUDE MEASURES TO PREVENT BOTH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PROLIFERATION. THERE MUST BE BALANCED PROGRESS IN BOTH AREAS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS;

12) THE ESTABLISHMENT UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS OF NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE-ZONES CONTRIBUTES TO STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF MEMBERS OF SUCH ZONES AND TO THE PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS;

13) WHILE THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOGNIZED, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT THE PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL NOT LEAD TO FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES;

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14) THE PROHIBITION AND ELIMINATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OTHER THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SUCH AS CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND OF ANY WEAPONS DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE WHICH HAVE

CHARACTERISTICS COMPARABLE IN DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS, ARE OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE;

15) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE EXPANDING ARMS RACE AND THE INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE ABSORB ESSENTIAL MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE PEACEFUL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES;

16) REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS IN ALL COUNTRIES WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AT A LOWER LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS, HELP TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS, AND LEAD EVENTUALLY TO THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT;

17) ALL STATES SHOULD INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE RESOURCES FREED BY DISARMAMENT ARE DEVOTED INCREASINGLY TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF HUMANITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

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18) SINCE 4/5TH OF THE WORLD'S MILITARY EXPENDITURES ARE BEING DEVOTED TO THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, IT IS OF HIGH PRIORITY FOR ALL STATES TO MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO HALT THIS WASTE OF RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE USED FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. END TEXT
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